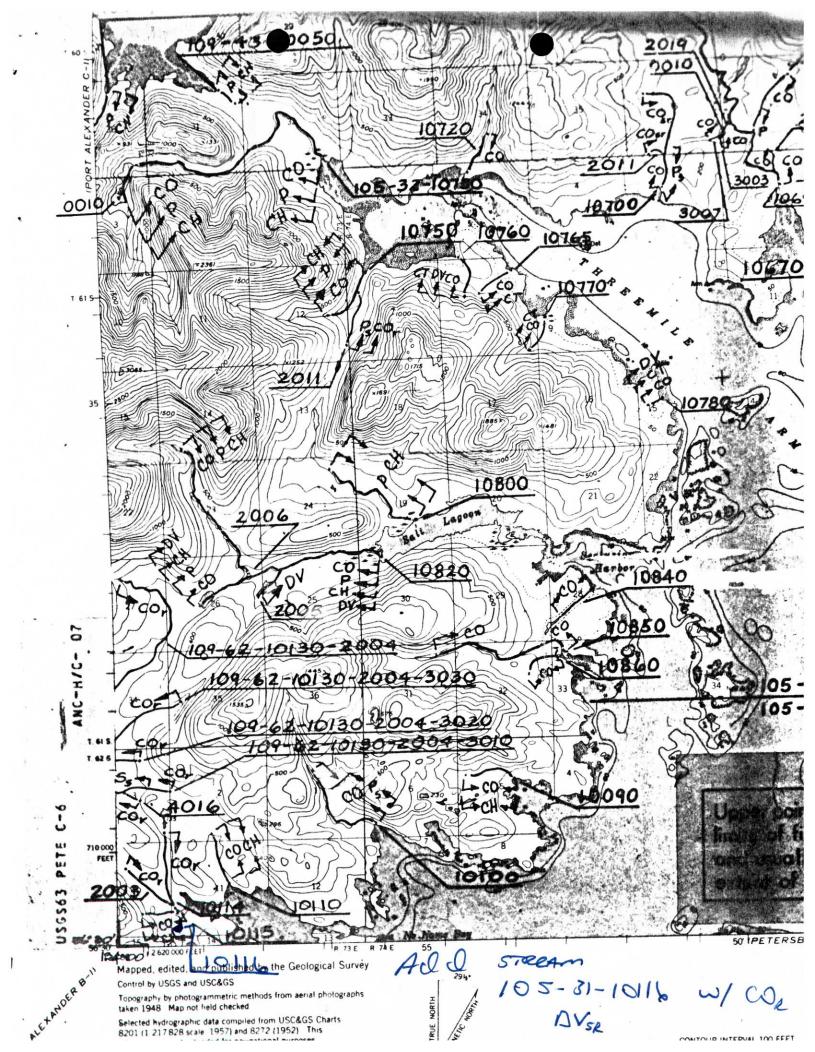
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EAST KUIU ISLAND NO NAME BAY

STREAM NAME:

Varden Creek (NN4)

LOCATION:

56°30'14"N, 133°58'59"E

Head of No Name Bay, opposite Goose Creek

AERIAL PHOTOS: EID-22-171/172

FISH:

Coho, trout, char

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Stream Width: 4' - 8' Channel Width: 8' - 10' Stream Depth: 2" - 18"

Flow: 3 - 5 CFS

A temperature sensitive system

## HABITAT SUMMARY:

Intertidal substrates provide little spawning area in this moderate-sized stream. This is true also in the lower 1/8 mile of stream, but this bottom section appears fair rearing habitat, with undercut banks, plenty of pools, and boulders for cover. This moderate gradient section of stream is contained in a floodplain of unknown width. This is a temperature-sensitive system (57°) which requires preservation of a canopy shading.

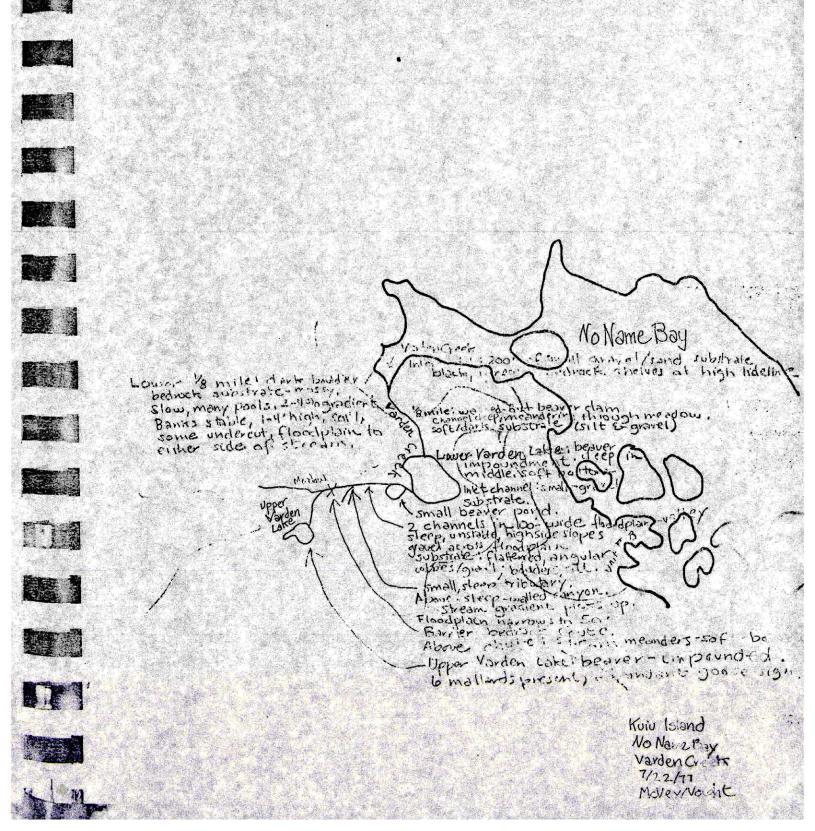
At 1/8 mile, an old beaver dam has washed out; the channel above this point meanders through a low-banked meadow. The bottom is dark, sedimented gravel and the stream is deep and slow-moving.

At 1/4 mile from the beach is Varden Lake, formerly impounded by beavers. The lake is deep in the center and shallow along the edges, full of 12" to 16" sea-run dolly varden and fry. The inlet to the lake has an 8' to 10' wide channel with a long stretch of clean gravel substrate, providing excellent spawning facilities, below a second small washed-out beaver impoundment. Abundant coho, trout, and dolly fry rear in his area

Above this small upper pool area, the stream enters a 10-foot-wile floodplain-valley, with 60 to 90 percent unstable sideslopes. The consists of two 4' to 8' wide channels here and is covered with grain places, indicating flashy flow. It is important to maintain vegetation on these sideslopes to protect spawning and rearing a below from sedimentation.

The confluence of a small, steep tributary from the south, 1/8 mile and we Varden Lake, marks a gradient increase on the mainstem as it enters a

50-foot-wide steep-walled V-notch. Substrate consists of larger, more angular cobbles and boulders. Spawning area here and above is nonexistent, as a 30' bedrock chute is a total block to upstream migration. Above the chute, however, the stream meanders through meadows and into another beaver pond in a soft-bottomed channel. Some pools in this stretch are more than two feet deep, and cover is provided for rearing trout and dolly varden by undercut, low banks. This section is also temperature-sensitive (56°), and should be protected.



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